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ON TANKER JOS. STOVE TO COME TO HONG KONG TEMPORARILY

REF: (A) HONG KONG 4283 AND (B) HONG KONG 4405

1.AFTER SOME DELIBERATION,HONG KONG GOVT (HKG) INFORMED NOR-
WEGIAN CONSUL GENERAL THAT THE 71 INDOCHINA BOAT CASE REFUGEES
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ON BOARD NORWEGIAN FLAG TANKER JOHANNESBURG STOVE MAY COME TO
HONG KONG AND REMAIN HERE FOUR (4) DAYS SOLELY FOR ICEM PROCESSING
FOR NORWAY. TANKER IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN HONG KONG APRIL 9.

2. IN ORDER OBTAIN HKG AGREEMENT, NORWEGIAN CONSUL GENERAL
GUARANTEED THAT ALL 71 REFUGEES WOULD BE ACCEPTED BY NORWAY AND THAT
HIS GOVT WOULD PROVIDE MAINTAINCE WHILE REFUGEES ARE IN HONG KONG.

ICEM PROCESSING FOR NORWAY WILL START ON APRIL 10.

3. HONG KONG HAS NOT RPT NOT GRANTED THESE REFUGEES TEMPORARY ASYLUM AND THEY ARE BEING ALLOWED ASHORE ONLY FOR VISA PROCESSING. THERE WAS NO UNHCR GUARANTEE. TELEPHONE CALL TO KUALA LUMPUR WAS UNABLE RAISE ANY UNHCR OFFICIALS.

4. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON OTHER NORWEGIAN VESSEL, FERNBROOK, WHICH REFTEL (A) MENTIONED AS REPORTEDLY HEADING FOR SINGAPORE.

5. FOR DEPT: WE FORESEE PROBELM WITH THIS ARRANGEMENT. IT CAN BE EXPECTED THAT NOT ALL 71 REFUGEES MAY WANT TO GO TO NORWAY AND SOME MAY REFUSE. IF ANY WHO REFUSE APPEAR TO BE CAT I, INS CAN INTERVIEW QUICKLY AND IF ELIGIBLE, HKG PROBABLY WOULD ALLOW THEM TO REMAIN WHILE SPONSORS IN U.S. ARE BEING SOUFHT, HOWEVER, IF SOME REFUGEES REFUSE GO TO NORWAY, ARE NOT CAT I BUT NEVERTHELESS APPLY FOR U.S., SHOULD THEY BE REJECTED SINCE THEY REFUSED THIRD COUNTRY (NORWAY) OFFER? UNDER IPP-78 GUIDELINES THEY WOULD APPEAR BE INELIGIBLE FOR U.S., BUT WE SEEK GUIDANCE NOW IN EVENT HKG INTERCEDES FOR THEM. WITHOUT UNHCR GUARANTEE OF THIRD COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT, HKG MAY LOOK TO U.S. FOR ANY REFUGEES WHICH REFUSE NORWAY.
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